



## Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact [support@jstor.org](mailto:support@jstor.org).

*Concerning bills of health at ports of Porto Rico.*SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *November 8, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the question of the issuance of bills of health, especially of supplemental bills at the subports, has been illy understood, due to the changing of the military collectors of customs and also the delegating of consular duties to the collector of customs for Porto Rico. \* \* \*

After a conference with Major Davis, the collector of customs for Porto Rico, a circular was issued to all ports, making a decision as per copy inclosed. I then issued copies of the accompanying circular letter to the sanitary inspectors of the subports in regard to the matter.  
\* \* \*

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.*

[Inclosure No. 1.]

*To all collectors:*SAN JUAN, *November 7, 1899.*

Foreign vessels coming to this island are usually provided with bills of health covering the voyage to ultimate destination, with ports named in Porto Rico at which they may call. Upon leaving ports of Porto Rico, they should, for their own protection, on entering ports in the United States or other ports where quarantine regulations are enforced, be provided with supplemental bills of health from each port at which they may have entered. These bills of health are furnished by the sanitary inspector of each port.

I construe the consular regulations as not requiring verification of either original or supplemental bills of health.

CHAS. L. DAVIS,  
*Major, Eleventh United States Infantry,  
Collector of Customs for Porto Rico, Performing Consular Service.*

[Inclosure No. 2.—Circular letter.]

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *November 8, 1899.*

Under a decision of the collector of customs for Porto Rico, it is construed that the Consular Regulations do not require verification of either original or supplemental bills of health.

You are, therefore, hereby informed that hereafter bills of health, both original and supplemental, will be signed only by the port sanitary inspectors, and no charge will be made for issuing the same.

Before delivering the bills of health, however, you should ascertain that the vessel has been cleared by the custom-house authorities.

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Quarantine Inspector.*  
*Sanitary Inspectors, Subports of Porto Rico.*

*Report from San Juan and subports.*SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *November 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following consolidated report of the operations of the Service at this station and the 5 subports for the month of October, 1899:

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Number of births reported.....                                | 60 |
| Number of births reported, October, 1898 (comparative).....   | 54 |
| Number of deaths reported.....                                | 72 |
| Number of deaths reported, October, 1898 (comparative).....   | 97 |
| A list of the causes of death is inclosed.                    |    |
| Number of vessels inspected.....                              | 36 |
| Number of vessels inspected, October, 1898 (comparative)..... | 52 |
| Number of vessels in observation quarantine.....              | 2  |

These were the Spanish trans-Atlantic liners *Buenos Aires* and *Montevideo*, from Havana, which arrived on the 4th and 14th, respectively. They transacted their business in quarantine, and the nonimmune local passengers, 17 in all, were detained at the quarantine station to complete the five-day period.

Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed, 40; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 59.

On October 20, the British steamer *Esk* arrived with 15 deck passengers, from St. Johns, Antigua, British West Indies, with a note on the American consul's bill of health that a severe type of dysentery or "cholerine" was prevalent on that island. I questioned the officers of the ship and the passengers from that place, and they did not seem to know of the existence of any such sickness. However, I mustered all of the passengers for inspection and found them to be in healthy condition, and after the disinfection of their baggage, ordered their release.

Vaccination certificates are still issued to all passengers on the United States transports, but are no longer required on the passenger steamers for the United States, as it has been several months since the recovery of the last case of smallpox at this port. The number of vaccination certificates issued and viséed during October was 122.

The weather during the month was warm, with frequent rains. The average temperature was 80°, and the total precipitation 10.21 inches. The health of the port and vicinity is good, and there are no contagious diseases.

Work on Miraflores detention station is nearing completion and the work will be ready for occupancy, I think, by December 1.

The reports from the subports for the month are as follows: Number of vessels inspected at Mayaguez, 8; Arecibo, 3; Humacao, 3; Aguadilla, 2, and at Arroyo, 1.

Deaths reported as follows: Mayaguez, population, 29,000, 139 deaths; Arecibo, population, 30,000, 190 deaths; Humacao, population, 15,000, 63 deaths; Aguadilla, population, 16,000, 61 deaths; Arroyo, population, 6,000, 21 deaths.

In my report for September I mentioned that the Spanish steamer *Mexico* arrived during September with a suspicious case of fever aboard, from Havana. The patient was the first engineer and he stated that he had been ashore in Havana, and was taken sick two days before the vessel reached this port. I am informed by the ship's agents here that three days after the vessel left this port for Spain the man died, and that the vessel was quarantined when she reached that country.

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,  
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

[Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of San Juan, Porto Rico, for October, 1899.*

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Asystolia.....                    | 2 |
| Athrepsy.....                     | 1 |
| Cerebral congestion.....          | 3 |
| Arterio-sclerosis.....            | 1 |
| Stillborn.....                    | 6 |
| Bronchitis.....                   | 2 |
| La Grippe.....                    | 1 |
| Broncho-pneumonia.....            | 1 |
| Serous congestion.....            | 1 |
| Cerebro-pulmonary congestion..... | 1 |

*Vital statistics of San Juan, Porto Rico, for October, 1899—Continued.*

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Cachuexia.....               | 2  |
| Dysentery.....               | 3  |
| Senile debility.....         | 1  |
| Enteritis.....               | 5  |
| Endo-carditis.....           | 1  |
| Entero-colitis.....          | 5  |
| Eclampsia.....               | 1  |
| Epilepsy.....                | 1  |
| Malaria.....                 | 4  |
| Malnutrition.....            | 1  |
| Gastro-enteritis.....        | 3  |
| Hemorrhage.....              | 1  |
| Hepatitis.....               | 1  |
| Old age.....                 | 1  |
| Nephritis.....               | 1  |
| Traumatic shock.....         | 1  |
| Typhoid fever.....           | 1  |
| Rachitis.....                | 6  |
| Intestinal tuberculosis..... | 2  |
| Pulmonary tuberculosis.....  | 11 |
| Round ulcer of stomach.....  | 1  |
| <hr/>                        |    |
| 1899—October—                | 72 |
| Deaths.....                  | 72 |
| Births.....                  | 65 |
| 1898—October—Comparative—    |    |
| Deaths.....                  | 97 |
| Births..                     | 54 |

*Vessels from Cuba and Porto Rico arriving at Baltimore for the week ended November 11, 1899.*

BALTIMORE, MD., November 11, 1899.

SIR: I respectfully transmit the following statement of vessels, which have entered at the port of Baltimore, from ports in Cuba and Porto Rico, during the week ended November 11, 1899:

| Date.   | Nationality. | Name of vessel.           | Where from.           | Date of sailing. | Nature of cargo. |
|---------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Nov. 11 | British..... | Steamship H. M. Pollock.. | Santiago de Cuba..... | Nov. 4           | Ore.             |

Respectfully,

JNO. R. KING,  
*Assistant Deputy Collector.*

*Reports of immigrants inspected at the port of Cienfuegos, Cuba.*

September, 1899.—Total number of immigrants inspected, 61; number passed, 61; number certified for deportation on account of dangerous contagious or loathsome diseases, or for other physical causes, none.

October, 1899.—Total number of immigrants inspected, 24; number passed, 24; number certified for deportation on account of dangerous contagious or loathsome diseases, or for other physical causes, none.

J. W. LINDSLEY,  
*Acting Assissant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*